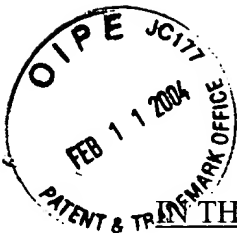


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Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action mailed August 15, 2003, with respect to the above-captioned patent application, up to and including February 17, 2004.¹ Applicants are requesting this further extension to make timely the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. Because Applicants have previously paid the fee (large entity) for a two-month extension of time to respond, Applicants now are enclosing a check including the amount of \$530 (\$950-\$420) covering the fee (large entity) for a three-month extension of time to respond. Nevertheless, in the event of any variance between the fees determined by Applicants and those determined by the PTO, please charge any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 02-0375.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this application, as amended, is in condition for allowance, and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that an

¹ February 15, 2004, is a Sunday, and February 16, 2004, is a Federal holiday in the District of Columbia.

interview with Applicants' representatives, either in person or by telephone, would expedite prosecution of this application, we would welcome such an opportunity.

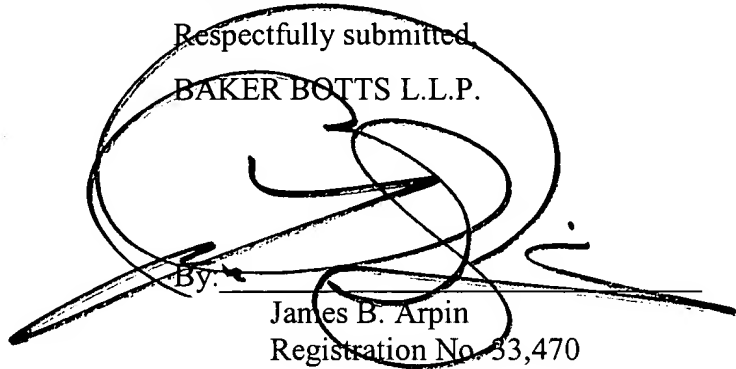
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